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Tracie,

For planning grants, the requirement for a local match should recognize the recent development of watershed plans in many areas of the state. Although many recent watershed plans are focused on water quality, they could be expanded to address water resources in an integrated fashion. Rather than generate a new Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, a new chapter or appendix could be added to an existing watershed plan, and thereby leverage the prior expenditure of funds. To the extent permitted by statute, all funds expended on recent watershed plans, including grants from Proposition 13, should be considered local funds for the purpose of the 50% match.

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